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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 33 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 10, 18, and 25 are independent claims.

Claims 1 to 33 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over European Patent Application No. 1,126,356 ("Hashimoto") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,987,572 ("Weidner"). In response, it is argued that the examiner has not presented a prima facie case of obviousness, because there is no suggestion or motivation to modify or combine the cited references. The examiner argues that it would have been obvious to employ the method of Weidner within the Hashimoto method to enhance security of the system. However, the examiner cites Weidner as disclosing reading by software the private-state data of a processor. Providing a way for software to read the private-state data of the processor of Hashimoto does not enhance the security of the system of Hashimoto. The system of Hashimoto is more secure if there is no way for software to read the private-state data of the processor. Neither Hashimoto nor Weidner suggest any reason for software to read the private-state data of the processor of Hashimoto. Hashimoto teaches against providing for software to read the private-state data of the processor by describing his techniques as protecting state data from analysis (see, e.g., paragraph 26 of Hashimoto).
                                                        Weidner
Therefore, the combination of Hashimoto and Jensen is improper and cannot be used to render any of claims 1 to 33 obvious, so the withdrawal of the rejection of these claims is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections of claims 1 to 33 have been overcome, and that claims 1 to 33 are in condition for allowance. The applicant therefore respectfully requests the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. Please charge any necessary fees, including extension fees, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0221.

Respectfully submitted,

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